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SUBJ: FURNITURE FOR EMBASSY RESIDENCE

FOR ROLAND NEA/EX FROM AMB

1. HAVE DECIDED ONLY FEASIBLE PLAN FOR OUR RESIDENCE THIS STAGE IS TO RETAIN ONE-BEDROOM APARTMENT ABOVE CHANCERY WHERE MY FAMILY PRESENTLY LIVING AND EXPAND INTO EXISTING ONE-BEDROOM APARTMENT SAME FLOOR PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY SULLIVANS. THIS IS EXACT OPTION SPELLED OUT PAGE 3 WILLIAMSON'S JUNE MEMO THAT YOU HANDED ME. BELIEVE NOT RPT NOT FEASIBLE CONSIDER CONSTRUCTION ADDITIONAL ROOMS ON UPPER FLOORS OF BUILDING, ALTHOUGH PRESENT TWO APARTMENTS WILL REQUIRE SOME ALTERATIONS.
2. FURNISHINGS OUR PRESENT APARTMENT PARTLY BUT NOT COMPLETELY SUITABLE FOR AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. MANY SHOW CONSIDERABLE SIGNS WEAR AND TEAR, WITH MIXTURE OF STYLES AND COLORS BOTH IN LIVING AND DINING ROOMS. IN GENERAL, IT NEEDS REPLACEMENT OR UPGRADING SOON IF NOT AT ONCE. FURNISHINGS IN PRESENT SULLIVAN APRTMENT WERE LOWER QUALITY TO START WITH AND SHOULD BE REPLACED SOONEST AFTER WE OCCUPY IT IN SEPTEMBER.
3. EMBASSY CURRENTLY UNPACKING AND PLACING IN NEW RUWI HOUSING UNITS FIVE SETS DREXEL FURNITURE SHIPPED HERE FROM BEIRUT PER STATE 98332. ACCRODING RECORDS AT POST, NO OTHER FURNITURE EN ROUTE EITHER FROM BEIRUT OR US. HOWEVER, QUINLAN CABLED ME IN NAIROBI MAY 25 QTE PRESENT RESIDENCE FURNISHINGS ARE DREXEL BUT DEPT HAS NEW FURNISHINGS ON ORDER UNQTE. I ALSO NOTE MUSCT'S UNCLASSIFIED

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SETS FURNITURE. MY RECOLLECTION OUR WASH DISCUSSIONS IS THAT SUITABLE NEW FURNITURE FOR RESIDENCE BEING PROVIDED, BUT DO NOT RECALL SPECIFICS.

4. PLS ADVISE URGENTLY WHETHER NEW FURNISHINGS FOR RESIDENCE ARE IN FACT ON ORDER OR EN ROUTE. ON BASIS YOUR REPLY WE MUST DECIDE WHETHER TO REQUEST URGENT ACQUISITION AND SHIPMENT SUITABLE NEW FURNISHINGS FOR EXPLAINED RESIDENCE, AS DESCRIBED PARA ONE, WITH APPROPRIATE CHANGES IN OUR PRESENT DISTRIBUTION PLAN FOR NEW DREXEL FURNITURE FROM BEIRUT SO AS TO PERMIT SUITABLE OUTFILLING OF RESIDENCE AS FIRST PRIORITY.
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